



Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

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CLEANING PRODUCT CONTAINERS

TERRACYCLE.COM has a free program for empty cleaning product containers. Check their web site for details on this program and many other programs for hard to recycle items!

Revamping PA Electronics Waste Recycling Program

Sen. Richard Alloway has introduced Senate Bill 800 to create a new Waste Electronic Equipment Recovery Act to replace the 2010 Covered Device Recycling Act that provides for the collection and recycling of electronics waste.

The bill continues the existing ban on disposing of electronic waste in landfills, with a limited exception for old cathode ray tube (CRT) televisions and monitors. The bill allows leaded glass to be managed at a facility permitted for the storage or dedicated retrievable cells for leaded glass that complies with EPA waste regulations.

Companies or governments are prohibited from charging for the collection and recycling of electronic waste, except a seller

of electronic equipment shall collect a fee from consumers equal to 0.5 percent of the full retail prices, excluding Sales Tax, to be used to administer and implement the program outlined in the Act.

The Department of Environmental Protection is required to establish a network of convenience centers available in every county as a collection point for electronic waste through a Request For Expression Of Interest process to solicit proposals from counties and municipal authorities.

Grants would be available to set up the convenience centers from revenue collected from the consumer fee.

After the convenience centers are established, DEP is required

to issue an invitation to bid on recycling electronics waste from these convenience centers. Electronics equipment manufacturers are required to cover the full cost of recycling the electronics waste through the convenience centers.

Electronic equipment manufacturers may petition DEP to set up a convenience center network for recycling electronic waste.

For more information on the existing program, visit DEP's Covered Device Recycling Act webpage.

Source: PA Environmental Digest



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6th Annual Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup

The Allegheny Aquatic Alliance will hold the sixth annual cleanup of Connoquenessing Creek on Saturday, August 19 and Saturday, September 9, 2017.

To date the group and its volunteers have removed 275,125 pounds of gar-

bage (137.5 tons), including 2,615 tires from the creek!

For more information and to get information on volunteering, check out the following web site:

alleghenyaquaticalliance.com





LET'S GO BUCS



LET'S GO GREEN



DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling

Since its launch in 2008, the Pirates have recycled more than 6 million pounds of material from PNC Park by successfully diverting out of the waste stream.

Conservation

The Pirates have taken decisive steps to improve the

energy efficiency of PNC Park drastically reducing the energy consumption throughout the year. The Pirates have made an organization-wide effort to order more environmentally friendly paper, printing and cleaning products.

Awareness

The Pirates utilize their unique public position to promote the importance of sustainable practices in order to make an even greater positive impact on our environment.

For more information:
www.pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com

RECYCLING AND REUSE TIPS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

With the Summer season finally here, we offer the following tips to make this summer better than ever!

- Rather than buying small, travel-sized toiletries, fill reusable containers with shampoo, soap, and other necessities.
- Reuse plastic or paper shopping bags to pack items for your trip and recycle them afterwards. Plastic shopping bags are perfect for keeping dirty shoes and wet bathing suits separate from other items in your suitcase, while paper bags are great for packing snacks for the car.
- Choose electronic tickets when booking airline flights to reduce paper waste.
- Take only napkins, condiment packets, free brochures, maps, or coupons that you will actually use.
- Take along plastic bags to collect your used beverage containers for recycling at rest stops.
- If you change your own motor oil, recycle it at a "quick lube" shop, gas station, or auto store that accepts used motor oil for

recycling.

- To pass the time on long drives or rainy vacation days, bring scrap paper for drawing and games.
- Start an art project with "found" objects – collages and sculptures made from discarded items are a growing trend!
- Shop at stores that specialize in used sports equipment – you'll save money and promote reuse.
- When you're stuck inside on a rainy day, clean out your closet and collect the old clothes and toys for donation to a charity or your next garage sale.
- Spend your free time volunteering at a local park or helping out with environmental cleanups.
- Build a backyard fort or tree house from recycled materials, such as wood scraps, cardboard, and other found items.
- Summer is a popular time for barbecues and other outdoor festivities. At your next party, set the picnic table with reusable dinnerware, and remember to recycle all bottles and cans after the party!!

- Hot summer days require gallons of thirst quenchers. Be sure to recycle the used beverage containers.
- Consider putting a filter on your water tap and refilling bottles with the filtered water. Instead of buying many small drink bottles, buy drinks or drink mixes in bulk and fill reusable bottles.
- At the beach, use old buckets and other items in your house to build sand castles instead of buying new products at the store.
- When visiting beaches and parks, be sure to take out everything you bring in, so that you leave places unlitte- red and undisturbed.

Source: www.fibrexgroup.com

